

ORDINANCE VETOED

Mayor Wise Does Not Sign 5 Year Lighting Contract.

DOES NOT FAVOR LONG TERM

Mayor States Five-Year Contract is Too Long—Wants Municipal Ownership—Gives Figures and Facts in Support of Stand.

Yesterday afternoon Mayor Wise vetoed the ordinance passed by the city council at their last meeting, providing for the city to enter into a contract with the Astoria Electric Company, for lighting the city for a term of five years. He gives his reasons for not signing the measure as follows:

"Astoria, Feb. 26, 1906. Gentlemen of the Common Council: I herewith return, without my approval, the ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance Authorizing the Committee on Ways and Means to Enter Into a Contract with the Astoria Electric Company for Lighting the Streets and other Public Buildings for the term of five years' for the following reasons:

"First—It is against public policy to grant long franchises or contracts, and thus believing, I cannot favor a contract for a longer period than two or three years.

"Second—I am anxious to assist in bringing about city ownership of a lighting system as soon as possible.

"Third—Even should it be found impracticable for the city to purchase or establish a public lighting plant at an early date; there is a strong probability of a new company, or companies entering the field, which a five years' contract might prevent.

"You gentlemen have, no doubt, acted in good faith in passing the above entitled ordinance, upon the belief and the assurance that you would save the city a considerable sum thereby. I also appreciate the reductions made by the Astoria Electric Company for the city, but the greatest good to the greatest number, should be our guiding rule; if you pass a five years' contract, you make it unprofitable for competition to come, which means that the private consumer will get no relief.

"Now, let us look into this saving feature, taking the figures from the records in the city auditor's office. There would be a saving of ten cents on each street light per month; that would mean a saving of \$7.00 per month on seventy lights, or \$84.00 per annum, or \$252.00 during the life of a three years' contract.

"As regards the saving in the cost of lighting the city hall, I find the following amounts of electric light consumed in that building during the three months of November, December and January, to-wit: 2720 kilowatt (and these short days necessitated the use of more than the usual amount of light).

"Averaging the consumption the year around, and allowing a reduction of one cent per kilowatt, the saving to the city would approximate \$160 per annum, or

\$300 during the first three years; the gas used in the city hall is trifling, as follows: During the months of November, December and January the gas bills aggregate \$15.40 or at the rate of \$50.00 per year, or \$180 for three years (of course there was more gas used in August, September and October; but that was because the vaults were being dried and gas was being used continuously).

"The principal saving would be in the lights used in the three engine houses, where there are forty-six lights in use altogether, and at 25 cents per light per month, it means \$414 for three years from now), therefore it is competent to show only how much we could save during three years by entering into a five years' contract:

Apparent saving No. 1—70 arc lights reduced 10 cents, 3 years.....	\$252
Apparent saving No. 2—1c reduction per kilowatt (city hall), 3 years.....	300
Apparent saving No. 3—Gas used in city hall (see last 3 months), for 3 years.....	180
Apparent saving No. 4—46 lights in engine house, at 25c for 3 years.....	414
A total apparent saving for 3 years of.....	\$1146

"But I contend that items 2, 3 and 4 will be saved no matter what the length of the contract, how?

"Agreeable to the Whipple-Clinton Gas Franchise, that company is obligated to furnish all the lights needed in any and all the city buildings, FREE OF CHARGE, and whatever may become of their electric and telephone franchise, I feel assured that they will build a gas plant, thus saving the cost of all but the first item; leaving a net difference of \$252 between a three and five year contract, which is a mere bagatelle in comparison with what we may save three years hence, and besides, some of the gentlemen of the water commission have assured me that they will install a city lighting plant before the expiration of three years.

"Upon this assurance, and showing made above, I feel obliged to interpose my veto, and for the sake of the small consumers of light, may I receive your endorsement. Very respectfully,

"HERMAN WISE, Mayor."

Common Colds are the Cause of Many Serious Diseases.

Physicians who have gained a national reputation as analysts of the cause of various diseases, claim that if catching cold could be avoided a long list of dangerous ailments would never be heard of. Every one knows that pneumonia and consumption originate from a cold, and chronic catarrh, bronchitis, and all throat and lung trouble are aggravated and rendered more serious by each fresh attack. Do not risk your life or take chances when you have a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure it before these diseases develop. This remedy contains no opium, morphine or other harmful drug and has thirty years of reputation back of it, gained by its cures under every condition. For sale by David Ingram.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

S. Davies of St. Paul, is in the city on a business trip.

J. W. Simmons of Portland is registered at the Occident.

H. A. Muffley of Seattle is a business visitor in the city.

F. A. Boale is over from the Sound on business in this city.

W. S. Barnes is returned from California after a short stay.

C. E. Whelan of Madison, Wis. is a business visitor in the city.

E. O'Neil of the N. P. Co., and Seattle, is doing business in Astoria.

A. W. Barber, of Seattle, arrived here yesterday on a business trip.

Harry Hamblett came in from Portland yesterday at 11:35 a. m.

H. Gilbert, of Seattle, is here for a business stay of a day or two.

C. C. Going of the metropolis, arrived in Astoria on the noon train yesterday.

F. A. Boale and H. A. Muffley of Seattle are in the city for a few days stay.

G. W. Wood of Skamokawa was in town yesterday for a short business trip.

W. C. Laws of this city was a business visitor at Warrenton yesterday afternoon.

E. S. McStory came in from Seattle yesterday noon and is domiciled at the Occident.

Sheriff Thomas Linville returned from the Capital City on the noon express yesterday.

Captain Byrne of the lighthouse tender Manzanita was in the city yesterday for a short time.

E. L. Prescott, of Portland, came in on the noon express yesterday for a business stay of several days.

Wilson Gray and Frank McCauley, residents of Oakland, California, were in the city yesterday for a short time.

William H. Bell, inspector of the Mergenthaler Linotype Co., leaves this morning for Seattle to install three linotypes.

Lewis Solomon president of the Columbia River Packers Company of Astoria, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Miss Henrietta German of Chicago has arrived in the city and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schamberger, for a few months.

William Ross an employee of the O. R. & N. Company machine shops at Portland is in Astoria this week for a brief visit.

John Meybohm, engaged in the unprofitable business at Rainier was in Astoria yesterday for a brief business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gregg and little daughter, have arrived home from Portland, whether they went a few days ago to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Susie A. Gregg, mother of Mr. Gregg.

Messrs. C. B. Morse of this city and his guest, E. H. Carlton, were passengers to Seaside on the noon train yesterday.

Hon. Thomas A. McBride, judge of the circuit court, returned from the metropolis on the night train Sunday and resumed the current work of the court yesterday morning.

Messrs. E. H. Joseph and Dean Silva, of Astoria, were business visitors in Astoria yesterday. They report that new cold storage plant of Martin Both

at that point, will be in operation on the first of the coming month.

D. W. Stearns, of the Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Company, is in the city, and will probably make it his headquarters and permanent home.

CHINOOK TREATY.

Old and Important Document and Its Present Value.

Dr. Charles U. McChesney, supervisor of Indian schools for the district of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, north of forty-second parallel of latitude, and H. E. Liston, agent for a number of tribes of Indians including the Quinaults, was in Modlips Tuesday and Wednesday, of last week, taking the evidence of certain Indians in relation to the appropriation asked by Senator Fulton of Oregon, Congressman Cushman of Washington, to pay a certain amount claimed to be due certain tribes of the Chinook Indians, under a treaty made by Superintendent Simmons of the Indian department in 1851. They were sent here by the Indian department to acquire definite information on the subject.

It appears that Harrison Allen an attorney at Astoria, and Silas Smith, an educated half breed Clatsop Indian, and a grandson of old Chief Concomly, now deceased, in looking over the archives of the Indian department four or five years ago discovered an old unsigned treaty with the Chinook bands of Indians, under which, it agreed to these Indians were to receive a certain amount of money in two payments from the government in consideration of which they were to forever forgoe all claim to any lands within their former domains.

There were originally six bands of the Chinook tribe, the Clatsops, the Nehalem, the Tillamooks, the Cathlamets, the Lower band, and the Willapaps. All of these, it is claimed, received the first payment in full, and the Clatsops, Nehalem or Tillamooks received the second payment. These contentions appear to be borne out by the records.

With the above facts as a basis, Allen and Smith set about and hunted up those living and the heirs of those dead, of the four bands that had not received the second payment, and entered into an agreement to prosecute their claims against the government for a fee of one-third of all the money received.

Since Smith's death two years ago, Allen has been prosecuting the case of claims.

As it is claimed there is something like a million dollars at issue, Allen's fee in case of success will be quite a nest-egg.

Dr. McChesney succeeded in finding eight heirs to the coming fortune in this neighborhood. They are Sampson Johns, Johnny Johns, Mrs. Fred Pope, Frank Hinman, Mrs. Adam Hawk, Mrs. Tony Johns, Mrs. Lucy Capooman and Johnson Wakmas. All of the above came before the doctor and their affidavits were taken to be forwarded to Washington.

Dr. McChesney, who has been here investigating the matter of subsidy due the Chinook Indians, was until recently agent of the Sioux Indians at the Roselind agency.—Washingtonian.

The Morning Astorian, 65c a month.



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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The steamer Harvest Queen came down from Portland yesterday, and returned later in the day with the barkentine Armaranth, and the Ship Berlin on her hawsers, en route to Portland.

The five master schooner Lousi, of the Simpson fleet, has finished loading lumber at the Knappton mills, and went to the lower harbor on the lines of the Wallula yesterday, and will get sea dispatch today.

The steamship Senator arrived down from Portland early yesterday morning, with sixty people in her cabins for San Francisco. She left down and out at 10 o'clock.

The steamship Columbia is due to arrive at the O. R. & N. piers tomorrow morning.

The steamer Whittier, with the oil barge, Santa Paula in tow, has arrived in from San Francisco. The Whittier went on to Seattle and the towing steamer Vulcan came down yesterday to lighten the Santa Paula up the river and back.

There was no Lurline on the river last night. She is undergoing general inspection at the hands of the government inspectors at Portland, and will probably be down tonight.

AN ASTORIA CASE.

Many More Like it in Astoria.

The following case is but one of many similar occurring daily in Astoria. It is an easy matter to verify its correctness. Surely you cannot ask for better proof than such conclusive evidence.

D. E. Duneau, who is employed at the Astoria Soda Works, 426 Duane street, and who resides at the corner of Duane and Ninth streets, says: "I had been troubled with a weakness of the back and kidneys for a number of years. There was a constant dull aching pains in the loins and a numbness of the back, often extending through the whole muscular system as far up as the shoulders. Not only did my back ache, but there was a weakness from the kidney secretions which was very annoying and disturbed my rest. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills and one day I stepped into Charles Rogers' drug store and got a box. I found them to be a great benefit. After the first few doses I felt better. I know of others who have used them with the same results."

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Luckiest Man in Arkansas. "I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At Chas. Rogers, druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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- Fancy Silk Girdles, 50 and 65 cent values, for..... .39
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- \$1.50 Bath Rugs at..... .98
- \$1.00 Bath Rugs at..... .65

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